

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace any previous listing of the claims with the following replacement listing of the claims:

Replacement Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A computing system, said computing system comprising:

a communication link for bi-directionally providing a communication channel between a host computing device and a companion computing device, wherein said host computing device has access to at least one database in which a plurality of messages are each stored in a plurality of different languages ~~in bitmap representations~~;

wherein said companion computing device comprises a display device and further comprises a control device that responds to a user request for one of said plurality of messages in a first one of said plurality of languages not supported by said companion device to for transmitting a said request for one of said plurality of messages to said host computing device over said communication link; and

wherein said host computing device responds to a receipt of said request for the requested message by retrieving said message in said first language from said memory and converting the requested-retrieved message into a bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested message in said first language, wherein said host computing device transmits to said companion computing device the bitmap representation of the requested message over said communication link for display on said companion display device in said first language, wherein the bitmap

~~representation is a symbol representative of the requested message to be presented on said display device as part of a user interface of said companion computing device, wherein the requested message is comprised of at least multiple characters of arbitrary said language, wherein the requested message is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents the bitmap representation as a full screen image of the requested message on said display device.~~

2. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon.

3. (Currently amended) The computing system of claim 1, wherein individual ones of a plurality of said databases are each associated with a different one of said specific languages.

4-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said companion computing device stores the bitmap representation transmitted from said host computing device for later use.

9. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said companion computing device comprises a digitizer input system having an electronic pen or stylus for handwritten information.

10. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said communication link is a wired or wireless communication link.

11. (Currently amended) A method of providing language element support to a companion computing device from a host computing device, said method

comprising the steps of:

~~transmitting from said companion computing device a request of a user for a message in a first language not supported by said companion device to said host computing device from said companion computing device,~~
wherein said message is one of a plurality of messages stored in ~~bitmap representations in at least one database in a plurality of languages that includes said first language,~~ wherein said host computing device has access to said at least one database;

receiving said request for the requested message by said host computing device; and

in response to said receipt of said request for message by said host computing device, retrieving said message in said first language from said database, converting the requested message into a bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested message in said first language, transmitting to said companion computing device the bitmap representation of the requested message for presentation on a display device of said companion computing device in said first language, wherein ~~said bitmap representation is a symbol representative of the requested message to be presented as part of the user interface of the companion computing device,~~ wherein the requested message is comprised of at least multiple characters of ~~arbitrary~~ said language, wherein the requested message is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents the bitmap representation as a full screen image of the requested message on said display device.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein individual ones of a plurality of said databases are each associated with a different one of said specific languages.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said companion computing device stores the bitmap representation transmitted from said host computing device for later use.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said companion computing device comprises a digitizer input system having a pen input device for inputting written information.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said requested message is transmitted over a wired or a wireless communication link.

21. (Currently amended) A storage medium having computer readable program instructions embodied therein, said storage medium comprising:

program instructions for transmitting from a companion computing device a request of a user for a message in a first language not supported by said companion device ~~to a host computing device from a companion computing device~~, wherein said message is one of a plurality of messages stored in ~~bitmap representations in~~ at least one database in a plurality of different languages that includes said first language, wherein said host computing device has access to said at least one database;

program instructions for receiving said request for the requested message at said host computing device; and

program instructions, responsive to said receipt of said request for the requested message by said host computing device, for retrieving said requested message in said first language, converting the requested message into a bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested message and ~~for transmitting to said companion computing device a graphical bit map representation of the requested message for presentation on a display device of said companion computing device is said first language, wherein the bitmap representation is a symbol representative of the requested message to be presented as part of the user interface of said companion computing device, wherein the requested message is comprised of at least multiple characters of arbitrary language, wherein the requested message is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents the bitmap representation of the requested message in said language as a full screen image on said display device.~~

22. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 21, wherein the requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon, and wherein said database is associated with a ~~specific~~ said first language.

23. (Previously presented) The storage medium of claim 21, further comprising program instructions for enabling said companion computing device to store the bitmap representation transmitted from said host computing device.

24. (Canceled)

25-27. (Canceled)